

OPINION 859

ALOSA FALLAX (LACÉPÈDE, 1803): PRESERVED AS THE NAME FOR THE TWAITE SHAD (PISCES)

RULING.—(1) The specific name *fallax* Lacépède, 1803, as published in the binomen *Clupea fallax*, is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Number 2249.

(2) The following work is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Works in Zoological Nomenclature with the Title Number 74:

Duhamel du Monceau, 1769–1782. *Traité général des Pêches, et Histoire des Poissons qu'elles fournissent, tant pour la subsistance des Hommes, que pour plusieurs autres usages qui ont rapport aux Arts et Commerce.* Paris (a work in which the author did not consistently apply the principles of binominal nomenclature).

HISTORY OF THE CASE (Z.N.(S.) 1736)

The present application was submitted to the office of the Commission by Prof. A. N. Svetovidov in January 1966. Prof. Svetovidov's application was sent to the printer on 7 February 1966 and was published on 29 April 1966 in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* 23 : 52–54. The proposals were supported by Prof. Carl L. Hubbs, Dr. E. Trewavas and unanimously by the Nomenclature Committee of the American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists. Dr. Sabrosky objected to proposal (1) on the grounds that *ficta* Duhamel is a non-existent name and should not be placed on the Official Index.

DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 27 February 1968 the Members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month Rule on Voting Paper (68)2 either for or against the proposals set out in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* 23 : 53–54, with the exception of para. (1). At the close of the prescribed voting period on 27 May 1968 the state of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative votes—twenty-three (23), received in the following order: China, Holthuis, Melville, Mayr, Vokes, Boschma, Jaczewski, Obruchev, Munroe, Brinck, Sabrosky, Starobogatov, Uchida, Alvarado, Eisenmann, Tortonese, Binder, Evans, Simpson, Kraus, Bonnet, Mertens, Ride.

Negative votes—none (0).

Voting Papers not returned—two (2): do Amaral, Forest.

Commissioner Lemche did not vote, making the following comment: "The presentation of this case is completely confused. The real purpose of the application is the suppression of Duhamel's work, but no announcement whatsoever has been published of this action. That purpose ought to have been announced in the title of the application, as ordinary zoologists cannot read the whole Bulletin. Hence, para. (3) of the present proposals cannot be treated under the present voting procedure."

ORIGINAL REFERENCES

The following is the original reference for the name placed on the Official List by the Ruling given in the present Opinion:

fallax, *Alosa*, Lacepede, 1803, *Hist. nat. Poissons* 5 : 424 [or another edition 10 : 188]

CERTIFICATE

We certify that the votes cast on Voting Paper (68)2 were cast as set out above, that the proposal contained in that Voting Paper has been duly adopted, and that the decision so taken, being the decision of the International Commission, is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 859.

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London
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